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It's the beginning of a new school term. As well as some great GCSE results (p5) we have details of the expansion of our Every Child a Musician programme (p24) and a reminder of the importance of regular school attendance (p25).

We have more CCTV images of people wanted in relation to the disturbances last month – thanks to your information Newham Police have made a number of arrests. See our latest images on p10.

And a terrific time was had by all who spent evenings with us Under the Stars – turn to our Newham in Pictures special on p20 and see if you spot yourself in the crowd.

Cllr Quintin Peppiatt

Executive member for children and young people

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IN BRIEF //

Fraudster sent to jail

A woman prosecuted by Newham Council has been jailed for 14 months after working illegally at a school and dishonestly claiming benefits.

Elizabeth Addo, 39, of East Ham, claimed she was Dutch but was from Ghana. She provided a false passport and National Insurance number to get work. The number actually belonged to a 14-year-old boy. She also falsely claimed £6,000 in Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit.

Addo admitted various fraud and dishonesty charges at Inner London Crown Court. Councillor Unmesh Desai, executive member for crime and anti-social behaviour, said: "We take a zero-tolerance approach."

Open House at landmark buildings

Nineteen locations across Newham will be taking part in the architectural showcase Open House weekend on 17 and 18 September.

Included in the landmark buildings opening their doors for free are Abbey Mills Pumping Station in Stratford, West Ham Bus Garage in Canning Town and the 12th Century St Mary the Virgin Church in Manor Park.

To discover more about the borough's architecture and find out what buildings are taking part visit openhouselondon.org.uk/newham

Identifying savings through recycling

The number of people from outside of east London using the reuse and recycling centre at Jenkins Lane in Beckton has fallen since two forms of identification have been introduced to access the site.

The council will save up to £250,000 per year by ensuring that people from outside of the area do not use the site.

Council buys extra police officers

Another 50 police officers are to deal with crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) after being purchased by Newham Council in a buy one, get one free deal.

Newham is paying for half the officers through a scheme that provides police resources at a greatly reduced cost, with the remainder match-funded by the Metropolitan Police Authority.

The additional officers will work alongside the council's community safety division to increase levels of enforcement activity. It brings the number of officers funded by the council to 66.

Mayor Sir Robin Wales said: "Residents say dealing with crime and ASB is a priority. In partnership with the police we will continue to work towards a safer Newham."

Acting Borough Commander Sean Vickers said: "These additional officers demonstrate the commitment the council has to fighting crime and further strengthens our already solid partnership. I am convinced the extra resources will continue to help drive crime down."



Mayor Sir Robin and Mr Vickers

Trophy appearance is top of the league

Mayor Sir Robin Wales and West Ham United legend Alvin Martin were on hand to greet the ultimate prize in English football – the Barclays Premier League Trophy – when it arrived in East Ham.

Fans had the opportunity to have their picture taken with the trophy at Barclays Bank in High Street North.

Sir Robin said: "Staff at the branch showed great courage during the recent disturbances along the high street. They came in early as a team to board up windows, sweep away shattered glass and open their doors so that local residents and businesses could get on with their lives. It is great that they got the chance with residents to see the fantastic prize."

The Barclays Premier League Trophy is one of the most famous symbols in football and is always flanked by two security guards when on display.



The Mayor and Alvin, back right, with bank staff and the trophy

Be positive on recycling batteries

Household battery recycling tubes have been installed in five Newham libraries so that residents can safely dispose of their used batteries.

The new recycling tubes are available in Stratford, East Ham, Green Street, Forest Gate and Manor Park libraries.

Councillor Ian Corbett, executive member for environment, said: "It is important that household batteries are disposed of properly and our new recycling service makes it even easier to ensure that this happens."

Most batteries contain heavy metals which, if disposed of incorrectly, can lead to soil and water pollution and can also endanger wildlife.

Battery recycling points are also available in most supermarkets and shops that sell batteries and they can also be disposed of at the Jenkins Lane reuse and recycling centre in Beckton.

Last year, Newham residents saved £370,000 by recycling. **Find out more about recycling services by visiting www.newham.gov.uk/recycling**



One of the battery recycling tubes

Stadium upgrade on the right track

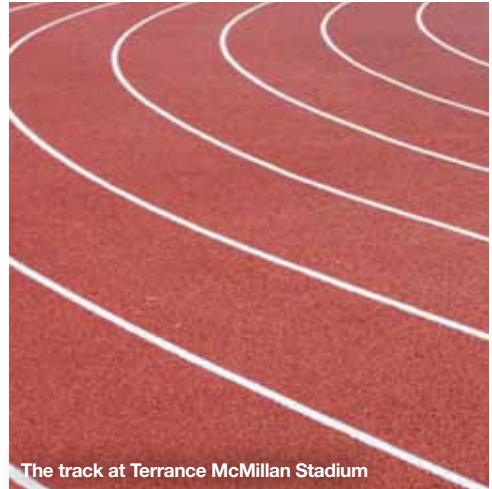
Improvements being carried out to the Terrance McMillan Stadium in Plaistow will see the running track area closed until the end of the year.

The works will upgrade the stadium track long jump and triple jump areas and improve the throwing facilities.

The stadium, which forms part of the Newham Leisure Centre complex off Prince Regent Lane, will be closed during the works. The leisure centre and the indoor track are open as usual.

The improvements are funded by the Olympic Delivery Authority in preparation for the use of the stadium as a training facility for athletes during the 2012 Games.

An ODA spokesman said: "As part of the London 2012 drive to leave a lasting legacy, the upgraded facilities will be available for public use and we hope that people will enjoy using them."



The track at Terrance McMillan Stadium

>>> Exam results are top class

Secondary school students in Newham are celebrating with GCSE results across the borough that have improved for the eighth year in a row and are above the national average.

Provisional results show the percentage of students achieving five or more GCSEs, or equivalent, from A* to C including including English and maths rose from 52 per cent in 2010 to 58 per cent. It is the biggest annual rise since 2004 and also exceeds the council's target.

Eastlea School in Canning Town was the most improved school with a 20 percentage point increase in students achieving 5 or more A* to C grades including English and maths. Kingsford, Cumberland, Lister and Plashet schools also saw big improvements.

Councillor Quintin Peppiatt, executive member for children and young people, saw pupils at Cumberland and Rokeby schools receive their grades. He said: "It is lovely seeing so many excited faces and knowing that our pupils will go on to do some excellent things in the future. This is the real face of young people in London."



Cllr Peppiatt (second left) meets Cumberland students with Tolis Vouyioukas, executive director for children and young people

Young ones are worthy of o

Last week we saw two events that will impact on the lives of our young people in hugely different ways.

The announcement of the GCSE results is always a nervous time for youngsters as they wait for the grades that will shape their future.

Nearly 3,500 Newham students opened envelopes containing their grades and for the eighth year in a row their results were better than ever before. That's great news.

Most of our schools have done well and for the first time we're probably going to be above the national average. Our youngsters have achieved as well or better than young people from far more privileged and wealthier areas – and it's all down to their hard work and commitment.

“Our youngsters have achieved as well or better than young people from far more privileged and wealthier areas.”

Our school's heads, teachers and support staff work hard and the results show that strong leadership is paying off. Now we have to build on that success to continue the improvement in this coming academic year. Our young people have high ambitions and we have to make it possible for them to attain them.

Also last week, I launched the Mayor's Reward Scheme, a joint initiative with charity Crimestoppers, which offers a reward of at least £150 to anyone who comes forward with information about knife or gun-related crime in Newham that leads to an arrest and charge.

This is not a response to the recent disturbances – we've been planning this for the past six months and it's been one of my priorities. Newham got off lightly in comparison with other

boroughs during the unrest. We've had such a good response from you in coming forward with information about those suspected of involvement that it's important we build on the help we've received so far.

You told me you still want the council to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour – that's why we're doing this. It's not because we have a particular problem with knife crime; we don't and we want to keep it that way. And that's also why we're buying extra

Students at Rokeby School are delighted with their GCSE results



Mayor's view

ur protection and support



police officers to patrol the streets and increasing the amount of wireless CCTV across the borough.

The majority of our young people do not carry weapons and we want to make sure it stays like that. Often, those that do, do so because they think it makes them safer. Well, it doesn't. Young people die when weapons are used and sadly we've seen a few tragic examples of this. That's why we want people to come forward.

Our work with Crimestoppers is about

making Newham safer for our youngsters and helping to save lives. This is not about people dropping others in it just for the hell of it. If you carry a knife you need to know that you risk being caught.

"It's about making Newham safer for our youngsters and helping to save lives"

The LBC Radio presenter James Whale challenged me on paying people

to do the right thing. Well, if it makes our kids safer then I can live with the criticism.

Some individuals may have personal pressures that prevent them from openly giving information to the police. Crimestoppers provides a way that they can come forward anonymously and in confidence.

"Our young people need to know they are safe. They are the ones who are often victims of crime. They are the ones who tell me they are concerned about it. They are the ones we are going to protect and support."

Our young people need to know they are safe. They are the ones who are often victims of crime. They are the ones who tell me they are concerned about it. They are the ones we are going to protect and support.

By focusing on diverting those at risk of becoming involved in gun and knife crime, taking tough enforcement action and supporting those who want to escape weapon and gang culture, we can reduce the harm and threat from gun and knife crime. If you feel the same, come forward and do the right thing for our community.

with Sir Robin Wales



Let your voice speak for thousands

If you're a Newham resident aged 14 to 18 and feel passionately about your borough and the issues that affect young people you could make a difference by becoming Newham's Young Mayor.

The Young Mayor and Youth Council play a key role in representing the views of more than 25,000 of our young residents.

Current Newham Young Mayor, Ali Mohamed, said: "Being Young Mayor has been an experience like no other. I have met some great people and had real opportunities to make a difference. I urge anyone with a passion for representing young people to put their name forward.

"In Newham we have a chance to prove ourselves and we should grab it with both hands."

"As a young person I know that our ideas can often be overlooked but in Newham we have a chance to prove ourselves and we should grab it with both hands. I only wish my time could last longer."

Not only will the new Young Mayor and Youth Council have an input on the issues that affect Newham on a daily basis, but next year's term includes the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Young Mayor will take a lead in promoting Newham and ensuring a legacy for our young people.

Be in it to win it – can you go the distance and make it as Newham Young Mayor? if you are aged 14 to 18 get involved, here's how:

- > Go online from 7 September and complete a nomination form. Write an election manifesto and tell us what you would want to achieve if you were elected Young Mayor
- > Print the second part of the nomination form and collect 50 signatures of support from your peers and other young people.

Nominations close on 28 September.

More information about the election process is available online, visit www.newham.gov.uk/youngmayor for details. Follow the election on twitter; search [ym_newham](#)

Spread the word

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LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM PUBLIC CONSULTATION – REGIME FOR TEMPORARY STREET TRADING LICENSING

If you are a resident or have a business in Newham, the Council's proposals for a new licensing regime for street trading may either affect, or be of interest to you.

Certain parts of Newham have been designated under the London Local Authorities Act 1990 as areas where annual and temporary street trading licences may be applied for. Those designated areas are presently:

- Queens Market, 404 – 410 Green Street, E13;
- The Forecourt of 412 – 422 Green Street, E13
- Rathbone Market, 24 – 110A Barking Road, E6;
- Kelland Road (off Barking Road) both sides up to the traffic bollards, E13;
- The East, West, North and South Malls in The Stratford Shopping Centre, E15, and
- 50 – 70 The Broadway, E15

This consultation exercise does not include the current licensing regime for the above designated areas.

The term 'street trading' includes the display, offer, sale and provision of goods and services on a public footway/road and on certain private forecourts (e.g. on the private forecourt in front of a shop when the trade is not carried out by the shop owner or does not form part of the business of the shop owner).

In the areas that have not been designated, persons wishing to carry out street trading must obtain a temporary licence (not exceeding 6 months duration) from the Council.

The Council have carried out a review of the licensing regime for temporary licences in the areas that have not been designated, and would like to bring in an effective licensing regime for those areas. The purpose of the new licensing regime would be to control and regulate street trading in the non designated areas of the Borough. It is believed that the main impact of such a regime will be on:

- Residents using or living by such stalls,
- Shop keepers who put stalls on the public highway in front of their shops,
- Businesses who rent out the private forecourts in front of their premises to other traders, and
- Traders who put stalls on the public highway or in the private forecourts of other businesses.

The Council have prepared the following documents for the consideration of businesses, residents, and other interested parties and would welcome your comments on them:

- Guidelines to Assist in the Determination of Applications for Temporary Street Trading Licences,
- Rules Governing Applications,
- Standard Licence Conditions, and
- Application Form

The above documents are available for viewing at all Local Service Centres and Libraries in Newham, at the offices of the Council Licensing Team and on the Council website:

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Please make your comments in writing, by no later than the 19th October 2001, direct to the Licensing Team, 1st Floor, 330-354 Barking Road, London E6 2RT, email Licensing@newham.gov.uk



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Following an overwhelming response, in this issue we bring you photos of criminals in action in your borough during recent disturbances. Take a look at the pictures on these pages: were you there? Do you recognise the people featured? The police would like to talk to them in connection with these crimes. If you have any information please call the police CCTV unit on **020 8217 5481** and quote the reference number alongside the photo. Any information you give will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Gotcha!

Karyn Ofori from Eastbourne Road in East Ham has been sentenced to six months in custody after pleading guilty to theft (including theft by finding) at Stratford Magistrates' Court.

The 22-year-old stole a DVD accessory box and a Freeview set top box from Argos in East Ham during last month's looting. She is the first person to be convicted in relation to the disturbances that took place in Newham.

DCI Kevin Baldwin said: "This is the first of many sentences we will see for people who looted and caused violent disorder on Newham streets. We promised that we will robustly pursue and bring those people to justice and that's



exactly what we've done."

Mayor Sir Robin Wales added: "Our work with the police will see more people involved in the disturbances and looting brought to justice – this resident is the first of many."

If you have any information on the disturbances please call the police CCTV unit on **020 8217 5481** and quote the reference number alongside the photo. Report anti-social behaviour in Newham by calling **08007 313 300**. To report a non-emergency crime to the police call **101**. In an emergency always call **999**.



All thanks to you

So far:

- > more than 50 people connected with August's disorder have been arrested
- > around 60 warrants for arrest have been issued
- > more than 300 calls have made to Newham Police to help identify the perpetrators.

Don't let them get away with it – if you know anyone pictured, pick up the phone and contact Newham Police on **020 8217 5481** with any information.



Call and collect

If you knew someone who had used a knife or gun to commit crime, what would make you come forward with information? Anonymity? A financial reward? The feeling of helping your community? We can offer you all three.

The council and Crimestoppers, the UK's largest crime-fighting charity, are launching a campaign to encourage residents to report gun and knife crime in Newham, safe in the knowledge that their identity will never be revealed and they will not have to speak to the police.

In recent years London has come under greater media focus owing to the young ages of gun and knife crime victims and those charged with serious offences.

The council is offering at least £150 to anyone who provides information that leads to an arrest and charge for knife or gun-related crime in Newham. The money is paid in a way that protects your identity.

“People die when these weapons are used. There is no excuse for not coming forward, as you could help to save someone’s life.”

The scheme is in response to Mayor Sir Robin Wales's promise to fund a reward scheme for those who help to tackle serious crimes. By helping those at risk of becoming involved in crime, taking tough action against those already involved and offering support for those who want to escape gun and gang culture, we can make a difference.

Sir Robin said: “People die when these weapons are used. There is no excuse for not coming forward, as you could help to save someone’s life.”

Crimestoppers London Regional Manager, Elizabeth Manning, said: “We provide an anonymous way that any individual can come forward, to do the right thing for their conscience and their community.”

If you have information about gun or knife crime in your area and you'd prefer not to talk to the police, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or fill out their secure, encrypted online form which can be found on www.crimestoppers-uk.org. The telephone line is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and they will never ask for your name or try to trace the number that you're calling from.

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Sir Robin and Elizabeth Manning launch the campaign



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Councillor Q&A

We asked you to send in questions you'd like to see in the Newham Mag. Rupal Shah from Forest Gate emailed us to ask: what is the council doing about the numerous potholes in the borough.

How much money is being allocated to this issue and how is it being used? What plans are there in place to stop the potholes getting worse in the winter?

Dear Rupal,

Potholes are a problem in Newham, in London and across the country. The council's road maintenance budget for 2010/11 was £1.518m. We allocated an additional £500,000 of council money on top of a £100,000 Department of Transport grant to deal specifically with potholes resulting from the adverse winter weather in 2009. The budget for 2011/12 is £1.4m and a further grant of £290,000 has recently been announced by the Department of Transport after yet another bad winter.

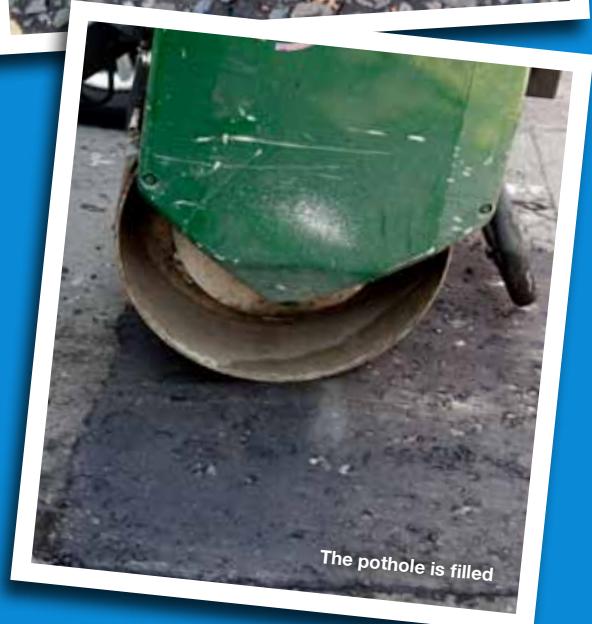
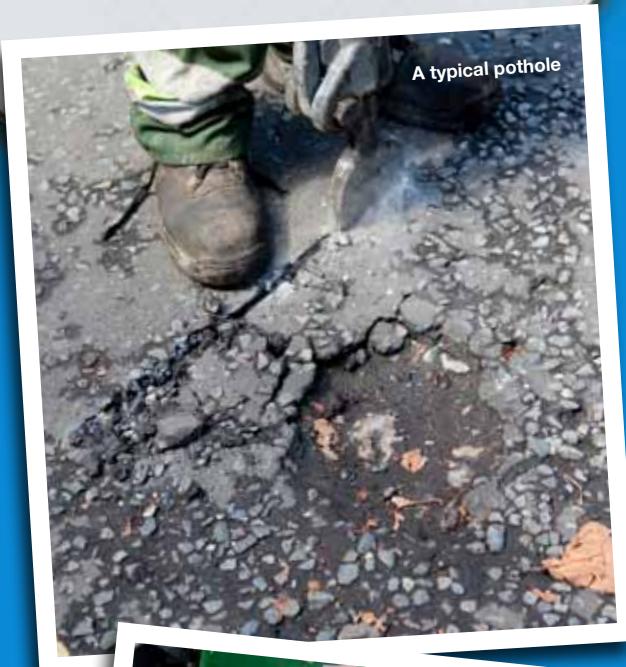
Since April 2010 we have repaired approximately 10,000 potholes (7,000 on roads and 3,000 on pavements). The problem of potholes has been made worse by adverse weather conditions over the last three years. Snow, rain, freezing temperatures and freeze/thaw cycles give rise to more potholes, especially in roads that are approaching the end of their life. It is estimated that 5,000 potholes developed as a result of last winter alone. Our priority remains to ensure the safety of the public on the highway, and we are continually repairing this type of defect.

This year has seen budget cuts by central Government but we continue to work to improve our highway network. In some roads we are trialling a thin surface dressing treatment with a material called Ralumac. The treatment is applied after patching potholes and is designed to restore skidding resistance, seal the road surface against water and stop disintegration of the road surface. If it is successful, consideration will be given to extending this to other roads in the borough.

Yours sincerely,
Councillor Ian Corbett
Executive member for environment



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Ship mate

Turn back the clock 40 years and the beautiful docks that shaped the southern part of the borough were a hive of activity. Ships laden with goods from across the world concluded their journeys at our shores, offloading cargoes of grain, meat and tobacco. Today the dock's waters are largely deserted; apart from the odd kayak or passing ship, they serve as a reminder of days gone by. But a new chapter in the history of this iconic area is taking shape – and one man with a simple idea which he hopes will make a monumental splash is getting on board.

Simon Myers, founder of charity Gasworks Dock Partnership, has launched the borough's first community boat project aboard The River Princess. The initiative aims to bring residents closer to the water and provide a community classroom for schools to learn more about the docks and wildlife, as well as get up close and personal to the regeneration happening in the area.

Holding up to 80 guests, the boat is moored at St Albert Dock, beside the historic steam ship the SS Robin. The River Princess is sandwiched between Millennium Mills and the ExCeL, with the landscape around its shadows undergoing major change. Within a year, the area will house the Siemens Sustainability Pavilion, a heritage museum, 21st century pleasure

gardens and a floating swimming lido.

For Simon, Newham, which is bordered by three of England's major rivers, was the perfect place to launch one of his eight community enterprises. Leasing the boat for corporate hire and offering affordable tours for residents isn't the only way he's hoping to get people on board. He said: "In the new year I hope





to offer internships and apprenticeships so we can get more people working on the water again. Anyone that wants to get involved can, either by becoming a 'friend', and supporting what we, do or by volunteering their time."

How did you learn to sail?

I volunteered at a community boat project

to get boat handling experience and then discovered how fantastic the boats are. They are a way of giving young people a high level of responsibility and trust, which they respond to really well.

How did you get the project started?

By pestering people to give us what we want! We have found that the best way

of getting people involved is by getting them excited, which means taking the brave step of going out there and doing things. We have a core team of about six volunteers, from across Newham, who offer a couple of days a week to the project.

It's been born out of a lot of conversation with local people, with them saying: 'we want to do this and I can offer my time to do it'. Hopefully that'll be the secret to our success.

How is the project progressing?

We're the first working boat back in this dock for 15 years. There are lots of bollards that look like they're for boats but there are no gaps in the fences to get on shore. We're working with the council, the London Development Agency and the Royal Docks Management Authority to see what's needed to re-establish a working boat here. We're getting the community involved in managing this. Once the project becomes self-sustaining the charity will take a step back and this will become a social enterprise. It'll be the Docklands community boat.

Your chance to sail away

The Newham Mag has 20 pairs of tickets for a **FREE** trip on the River Princess on Saturday 17 or Sunday 18 September, as part of Open House Weekend. To be entered into a ballot, send your name, address, age, contact number and email address (if you wish to receive regular news about the River Princess) by Friday 9 September to newham.mag@newham.gov.uk or write to Newham Mag, Newham Dockside, 1000 Dockside Road, Fourth Floor, West Wing, London E16 2QU. To find out more about Open House visit www.londonopenhouse.org To find out more about the River Princess, including hire and volunteering, visit www.gasworksdock.org.uk

A FITTING JOB

With days to go before the opening of Westfield Stratford City on 13 September, the finishing touches are being made to the most significant retail development in Newham's history.

Westfield's mammoth 180-acre site will house 300 shops, 70 restaurants and a 17-screen cinema. But most notably, around 10,000 jobs have been created. Dimeari Cookey, from Plaistow, is one of thousands of residents who have been helped by Workplace to secure employment.

Dimeari was referred to Workplace, the council's job brokerage service, by Plaistow Job Centre Plus. He explained: "Before the financial market collapsed, I did office work. When that changed, I saw it as an opportunity to retrain."

Keen to learn a trade, Dimeari initially undertook CSCS (construction skills certificate scheme) training – essential for anyone who wants to work within the construction industry – before deciding the best way to learn a new skill was via an apprenticeship.

He began forging his new career with

a NVQ level 1 in multi-skills at Canning Town's Anchor House as part of East Potential's construct your career scheme, and progressed to level 2 in shop-fitting at Stratford's Building Crafts College. Usually a two year commitment with weekly day release for college, Westfield created a fast-track apprenticeship where candidates spend four days in college and one on site. This meant students like Dimeari were able to qualify and be available for work much sooner.

Dimeari is working on the fit out for TGI Fridays and thrives on the gruelling 7am-7pm shifts. He puts his new found career down to focus, saying: "To come from a period of no work and no job and still believe you can make a change, focus and concentrating on your goals is key. If you plant a tree it won't bear fruit straight away, but as long as you keep watering the seed it will grow. With that knowledge I have persevered – and my efforts have born fruit for me."



Construction jobs at Workplace

Workplace has skilled and unskilled vacancies in the construction industry, including trade and plant operatives. To find out more and register visit www.newhamworkplace.co.uk, drop in to their offices in Stratford, Broadway; East Ham, High Street South; and Canning Town; Silvertown Way. Call 020 3373 1101 to book an appointment.

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Newham in pictures special



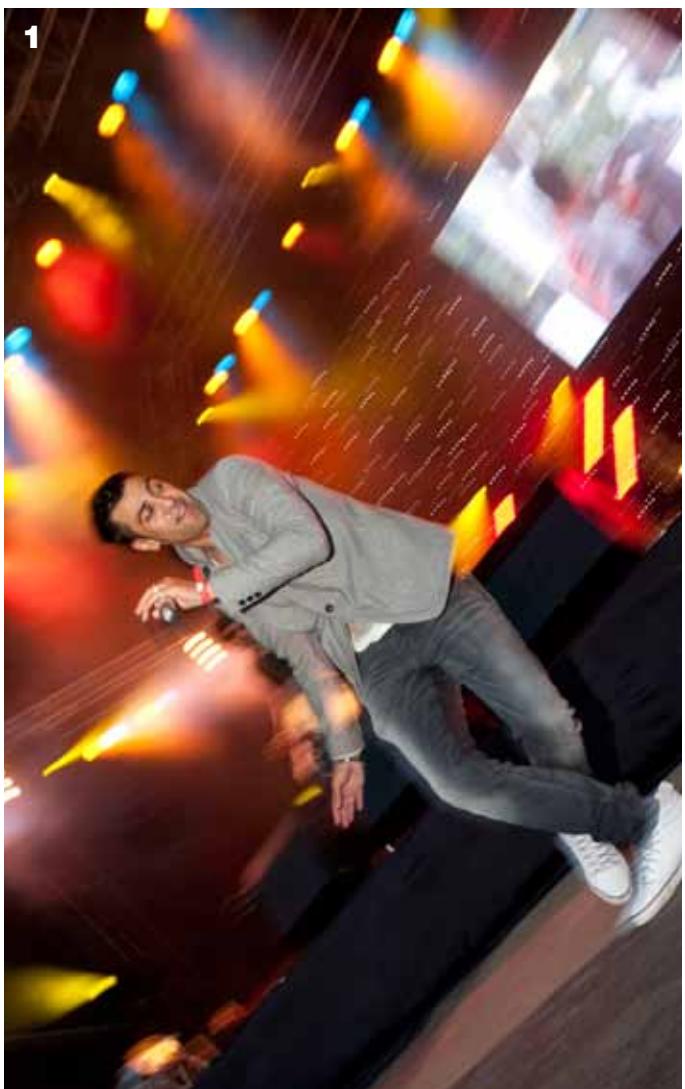
The fabulous finale to the summer's programme of free events, Under the Stars, made many a bank holiday weekend special, as 30,000 of you came to East Ham's Central Park over the four nights. The famous British summer did little to dampen our spirits – although it did manage to dampen everything else – and our ever-resilient community turned out in force to see world-class acts play on their doorstep.

"This year's Under the Stars was testament to Newham's skill at hosting big events."

Thursday turned the air blue with the melodic music of jazz superstar Courtney Pine, Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra and diva Claire Martin. Friday's spicy sounds were of a more Eastern flavour, with BBC Radio One's Nihal presiding over bhangra legends H-Dhami, Heera, Juggy D and Foji, as well as the fleet-footed Threebee Bollywood Dancers. Saturday lit the touchpaper with Queen tribute act, Queen on Fire, supported by party band MIB, and Sunday was an explosive finale, offering fireworks alongside the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra.

Mayor Sir Robin Wales said: "I was delighted to see so many of you braving the wet weather and having a great time in the park. This year's Under the Stars was testament to Newham's skill at hosting big events. I look forward to the Olympic and Paralympic Games next year, when the world will experience a proper East End welcome."

1 Newham's events are head and shoulders above the rest. **2** The whole of East Ham could Heera these bhangra legends as they were joined by H-Dhami. **3** Blown away by the bass clarinet as Courtney Pine headlines. **4** Hands in the air for Queen tribute night. **5** The 1812 Overture by firelight. **6** On point: the Royal Philharmonic's conductor John Rigby. **7** MIB reach out to the crowds.



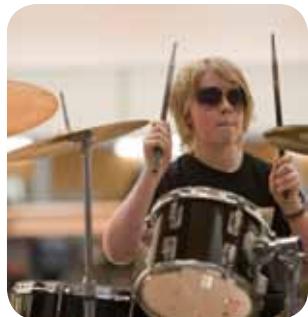
Newham in pictures special

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1 Fofi throws some mean shapes. **2** Patriotic punters meet the Mayor. **3** Ears to you: a wee one takes in the sights. **4** Faux Freddie lights up the stage. **5** Saturday night revellers salute Queen on Fire. **6** Newham's finest: the Youth Choir does us proud. **7** White hot: the stars light up the stage. **8** Claire Martin gives us her stellar vocals.



**The Mayor's
Promise #8**
Every Child a Musician



More mini music makers

It's the beginning of a new school year and this term more primary school pupils than ever will be making music across our borough.

Since 2010, the Every Child a Musician (ECaM) programme, introduced by Mayor Sir Robin Wales for year 5 and 6 pupils, has given more than 3,000 children the opportunity to learn a musical instrument – at no cost to their parents.

This new school year more than 7,000 children between the ages of nine and 11 will be taking part in the groundbreaking programme. The previous year 5 will move to year 6 and begin their second year of lessons, while a new cohort of year 5s will give new meaning to play time as they prepare to practise on their new instruments. The flute, clarinet, keyboard, guitar, violin, viola, trumpet and trombone are all instruments the children can play as part of the programme.

Children taking part in ECaM don't

just benefit from learning a new skill. Research has shown that musical training contributes to improving literacy, creativity and general intellectual development. Learning an instrument also helps children develop concentration, self-confidence, self-motivation. Children taking part in ECaM take pride and pleasure from making music.

The programme isn't just catching the attention of Newham's children and families. British solo cellist Julian Lloyd Webber backs the programme and, most recently, renowned saxophonist and jazz musician Courtney Pine visited Newham to find out more about the initiative. Film maker Danny Boyle, responsible for box office hits *Slumdog Millionaire* and *Trainspotting* and director for the opening

and closing ceremonies of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, was also blown away by the performance of some of ECaM's finest, after a visit to Gallions Primary School in Beckton.

And it's not just our children that are benefiting from the programme. Following the introduction of ECaM, more than 130 tutors have been employed to work across 61 schools in Newham. Eighteen residents have also benefited from two tutor training and employment programmes. This has enabled local people to play an instrumental role in sharing their talents and educating their local community.

Find out more about ECaM by speaking to your child's school.

School rules

With a new school year under way, as well as striving to ensure our children and young people do their best, schools across Newham are taking a firmer stance than ever on attendance.

From the ages of five to 16, it is compulsory for every child and young person in the UK to attend school regularly, or receive home schooling (known as elective home education). Failure by parents or carers to ensure their child does not miss school unnecessarily is an offence and could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a three-month custodial sentence.

Good school attendance promotes positive attainment and general wellbeing in children and young people. There are occasions when a child will be unable to attend school but these instances must be limited. Here are some examples of why children may be absent from school – and why, sometimes, it is not acceptable:

Holidays during term time

Head teachers discourage leave of

absence during term time and **any leave taken without approval will be classed as unauthorised absence.** A parent or carer cannot demand leave as a right. **Any decisions are made at the head teacher's discretion.**

Sickness

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, always call the school to inform them. If your child consistently complains of being unwell when nothing appears to be wrong there could be another reason why they are avoiding school. Speak to your child's teacher if you are concerned.

Supporting a parent or carer

Children should never be kept from school to look after parents, carers,

siblings or family members. If you need your child to attend appointments with you, such as visiting the doctor, these should be made outside school time.

Religious holidays

Leave for some religious holidays is already incorporated within the school's annual timetable. If you want your child to observe a religious holiday not recognised by their school you must seek absence approval in advance. In some circumstances authorised absence can be granted for this – check with your child's school for details.



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YOUR SPACE

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FABULOUS FASHION

Ivy Scarlett Ansa, from Stratford, tells us about her degree in fashion textiles.

"I've always been interested in fashion, so choosing what to study at university was not a difficult choice.

"I set myself targets, aims and goals. My target for 2011 was to design and produce garments that represented my style; my aim was to network with creative individuals on various fashion projects and my goal was to get published. The 'Girl Next Door' photoshoot came about from an idea that a photographer friend, Hayley, and I had. I had pieces from my collection that needed photographing so Hayley and I spoke a lot through email about what the concept for the shoot could be.

"After university I want to do one or two placements in the fashion industry."

"We were two women on a mission. We decided on the 21st century 'Girl Next Door' theme because we wanted to create a new perception of that look. Our ideal girl was young, confident and fashion conscious. We used six of my looks to show different elements. This photoshoot shows the hard work of six passionate individuals; two makeup artists from the Academy of Freelance Makeup, Andi from Confidence Model Management, Naima Westmass from Model Mayhem, Hayley Kirton and myself. We had all come from different backgrounds and each of us had different levels of experience. At one point I did worry that having so many people on a small scale shoot could bring about disagreements but everyone who I worked with on the shoot was professional, enthusiastic and each brought their own unique point of view to the shoot. "After university I want to do one or two placements in the fashion industry."



Ivy Scarlett Ansa

Ivy's 'Girl Next Door' collection



Easy ways to pay

Moving towards a cashless system

Paying your council bills at a cash office costs us more to process than any other method of payment. Each payment made in this way costs approximately £1.80. This compares to 2p for a direct debit payment.

We are working to introduce cheaper collection methods and better ways for customers to do business with the council. As part of this, we aim to remove all the council's cash offices by the end of the year. The first will be Canning Town cash office, which will cease to operate from Friday 30 September.

The council is working with residents who use a council cash office to make payments, offering guidance and support within our Local Service Centres on alternative ways to pay.

These include:

> **Paying online** – at www.newham.gov.uk.

gov.uk/payit – you can pay Council Tax, rent or bills here. We will be increasing the range of transactions payable over the coming months. If you don't have internet access at home or work, go online for free at any one of the borough's ten libraries.

> **Direct debit or standing order** – are convenient ways to pay regular bills, as payments will automatically be deducted from your account.

If you do not have a bank account, we can put you in touch with organisations that provide assistance in opening one.

> **Telephone payments** – can be made with a debit or credit card by calling 020 8430 2000, and selecting option 1.

Postal payment – by cheque is available for some bills. Please check your bill for details.

> **Allpay card** – allows you to make cash payments for rent and Council Tax at any post office or retail outlet that displays the PayPoint symbol. To order an Allpay card:

- for housing rent - phone 0800 952 9000 (press option 3, then option 1)
- for Council Tax or benefit payments – phone 020 8430 2000. Find your nearest Allpay outlet by visiting <http://allpay.net/outlet>

> **Self service kiosks in libraries**
– will enable customers to make payments online quickly and easily.

For further information on these changes visit www.newham.gov.uk/cashless

MMR protection is child's play

Has your child had the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) jab? This vaccination provides vital protection against these life threatening diseases. Getting the jab is free through the NHS and it can help to support a healthy childhood.

During the first five months of 2011, there were almost 500 confirmed cases of measles in the UK. London had the highest number of cases, with children and young people under the age of 25 at greatest risk.

“Measles is easily preventable and getting protection for your child is as straightforward as going to get them vaccinated.”

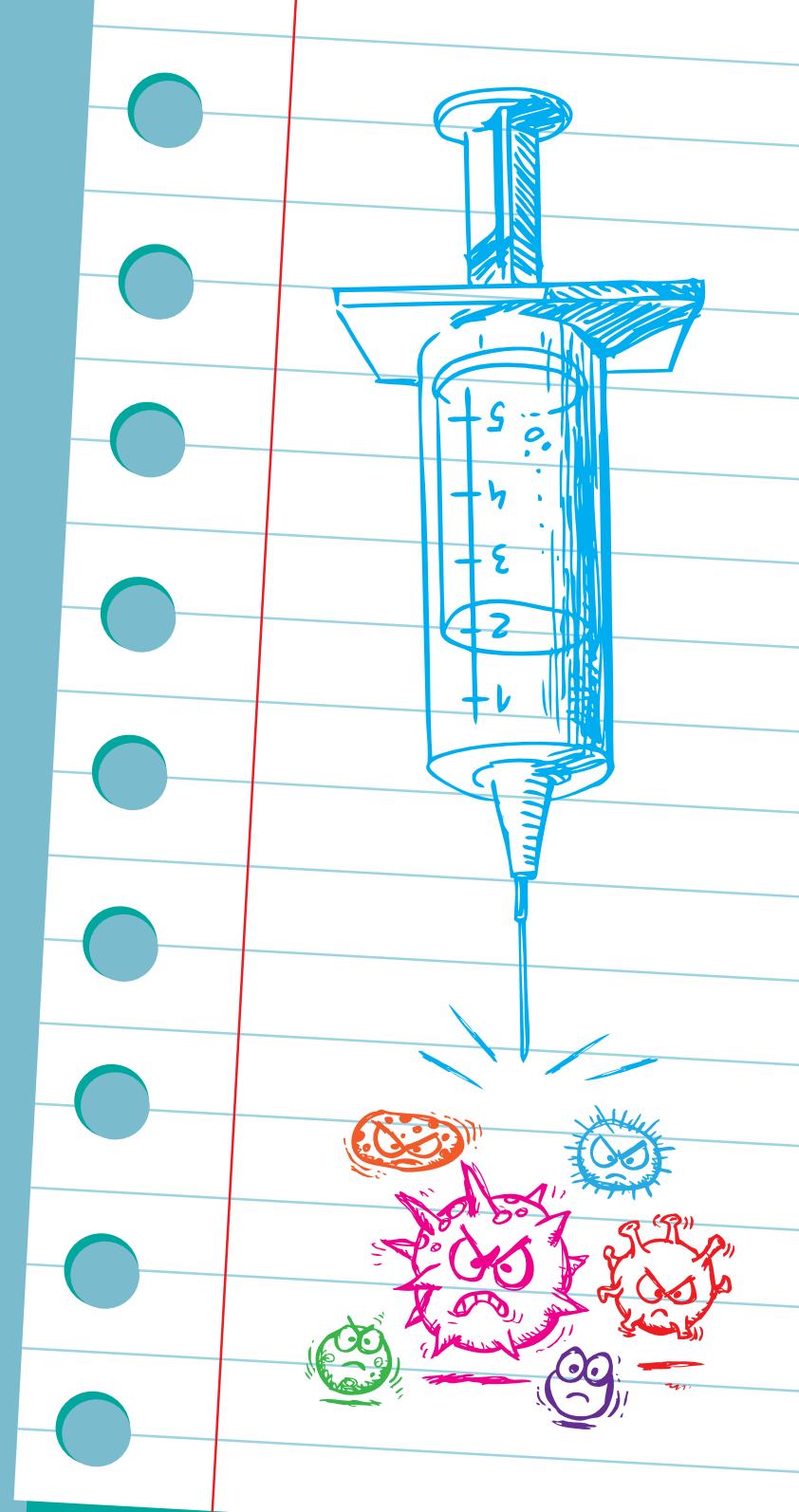
Measles is a highly infectious disease and it can spread very easily. A person with measles is at risk of a number of other serious complications including pneumonia, chest infections or even brain damage.

The MMR jab is a safe combined vaccination that protects children against childhood diseases. The first

jab is normally given when a child is around 13 months old. A second jab can be given between the ages of three to five years old, when many children are starting nursery and school. Not all children are protected by a single dose of the MMR vaccine. To ensure they are properly protected children need to receive two doses.

Rachel Flowers, joint director of public health in Newham for NHS East London and the City said: “Measles is easily preventable and getting protection for your child is as straightforward as going to get them vaccinated. If your child hasn't been immunised, especially if they are due to start school this year, please do get this done.”

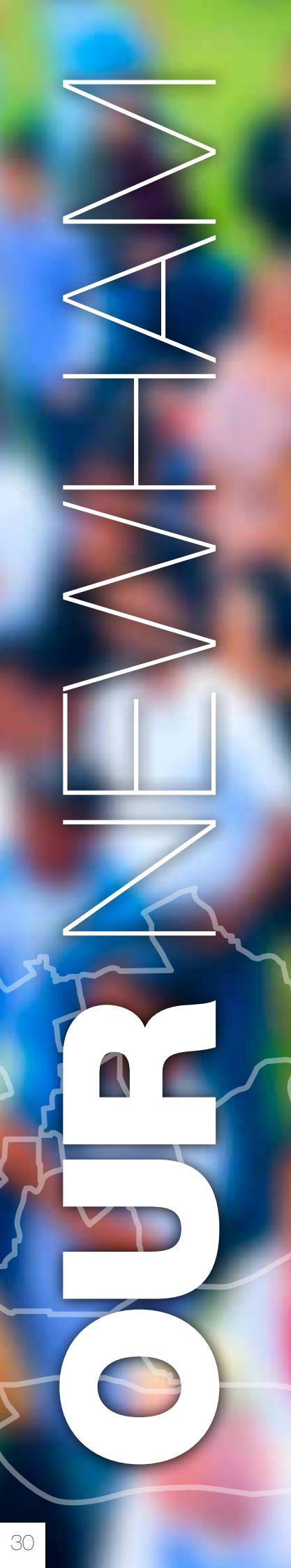
GPs in Newham have been working with the public health department and parents to lead a campaign urging people



to come forward for the MMR vaccine.

Newham GP Dr Hardip Nandra advised: “If you suspect your child has measles try and keep him/her away from other children and people. Phone your GP and seek advice before bringing your child in. On arrival at the GP surgery, inform reception staff this is a suspected case of measles.”

To get the MMR jab make an appointment with your GP or practice nurse at your local GP surgery.



Young Games makers wanted

Newham Young Mayor Ali Mohamed is encouraging all the borough's 16 to 18 year-olds to grab the opportunity of a lifetime and volunteer during the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

During her time as Young Mayor, Ali's predecessor Kaycee De Belen was instrumental in lowering the volunteering age for the Games from 18 to 16 years so that more teens had the chance to be involved.

The London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (LOCOG) is holding a national selection event to choose teams of anything from two to 18 people to help with next year's events. Whether you're a group of friends or a specialist team, like a sport, dance or music group, as long as you have a supporting adult who can guide you, get involved.

Applications open from 22 September but full details are available on the web now. Visit www.london2012.com/young-games-maker for information.

Don't miss out on grants - deadline extended

Three Newham groups have benefited from the penultimate round of John Lewis's community grants programme.

The Greenhill Aphasia Group, Otters disability swimming group and NuSound Radio each received £500 to support their community work.

The deadline for the final round of grants has been extended until **Monday 12 September**. To be in with a chance of securing up to £500 to support your voluntary or community work in Newham email communitygrants@johnlewis.co.uk or write to Community Grants – Registry, John Lewis, 171 Victoria Street, SW1E 5NN to request an application form.

Catch it while you can

Time is running out to treat your eyes and see the creative work of Rosetta Art Centre students at a special exhibition at Café Eterno in Covent Garden. The photography event called CAPTURE has been running since July and will finish on Wednesday 14 September.

Café Eterno is at 34 Neal Street, WC2H, and is open from 11am-4pm Monday to Friday and 11am-3pm on Saturdays.



One of the images on display



Breaking stereotypes

Teenagers from East Ham are representing the young people of today in a project with leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau (NCB) and the BBC. They have created a provocative film highlighting how young people are often misrepresented in the public eye. Shivani Patel, 15, said: "I feel that children are stereotyped by adults in a negative way due to the fact that they see them as a threat, especially teenagers that are part of a gang. However, most young people have something positive to offer society."

The video is available to watch online now. Go to www.youtube.com and search for 'challenging representations'.

CARER'S CORNER

Caring for carers

Caring is an incredible life choice, and it is by no means unrecognised in the borough. Newham Carers' United, the carers' forum for Newham, is meeting on **Thursday 15 September from 5.30-8pm**, with a daytime repeat of the meeting on **Tuesday 20 September from 10.30am-1pm**.

The meetings are for unpaid or former carers and will give an opportunity to meet and hear from Newham's Carers' Champions. Come and tell them about what most concerns you as a carer so they can represent you.

There will also be an opportunity to socialise with other carers over light refreshments, as well as hear from Newham Carers' Network, which works with carers from all over the borough.

If you need an interpreter or want more information please phone Hilary, the carers' forum co-ordinator, on 020 8519 7536.



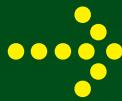
Let's give a cheer for our cheerleaders!

Four of our schools were in high spirits after becoming recent winners at the Future Cheer Schools Cheerleading Championships. The event was held at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, and the Royal Docks Sharks, Royal Docks Stars, Rosetta All Stars and Grange Jaguars competed amongst a range of other schools with high competitors to become some of the best cheerleading champions in the borough. The Royal Docks Stars, a new team made up of young people with a range of disabilities, went straight to first place in the secondary school category. Angela Green, Ascension Eagles Cheerleaders program manager said: "The cheerers are a credit to their schools."



Winners the Royal Docks Stars

Kids' corner



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Free membership at Stratford Picturehouse

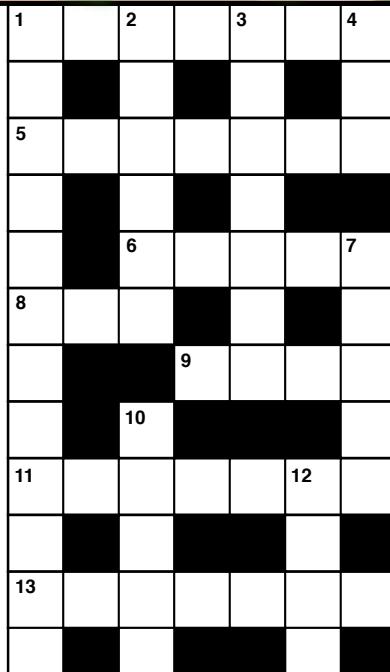
This issue's winner receives free annual family membership at Stratford Picturehouse, which includes free tickets and discounts on films.

To be in with a chance of winning this or another great prize send your pictures, jokes and poems to **Kids' Corner, West Wing, Fourth Floor, Newham Dockside, 1000 Dockside Road, London E16 2QU**. Don't forget to write your name, age, address and daytime contact telephone number on the back of your entry. **Good luck!** Visit www.picturehouses.co.uk to see what's on.



Stratford Picturehouse, Theatre Square, E15

Colour-me-in Crossword



Across

1. Marks left on the body after a fall (7)
5. Dried grapes (7)
6. Wood used for piano keys (5)
8. Disk which shows a film (3)
9. Eastern continent (4)
11. People blow them out on their birthday (7)
13. They fought on horseback wearing armour (7)

Down

1. Special food eaten once a year (8,4)
2. Wayne Rooney plays for Manchester (6)
3. Crew of a boat (7)
4. Emergency signal (3)
7. These are made up of 365 or 366 days (5)
10. Mumbai is this country's largest city (5)
12. Consumes food (4)

Jokes

Why did the biscuit go to the doctor?
Because it was feeling crummy.

Why did the banana go to the doctor?
Because it wasn't peeling well.

Knock knock
Who's there?
Boo!
Boo who?
Don't cry it's only a joke!

by Shazia Ahmed, 11

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TRY SOMETHING NEW... INSTANT PANTO

Christmas is just a few months away and nothing says festive season like a panto. At Theatre Venture it's not just for ex-Eastenders cast members and minor celebrities: now you can get involved too!

Sign up for the brand new Instant Panto theatre course at Stratford Circus this September.

Through individual and group work, students taking this ten-week course are led through the process of creating a mini-pantomime, to be performed in one of Stratford Circus's professional theatre spaces.

This course is designed for those with an interest in acting and enthusiasm for the challenge of creating imaginative panto. Experience is not required, but you will need a positive attitude, the willingness to compromise (essential in devised theatre), humour, open mindedness and an ability to work with all sorts of people.

Instant Panto at Stratford Circus on Saturdays

3-6pm (for ages 16+)

Term dates: 17 September – 26 November

Half Term: 1 October

Enrolment: From 5 September with Newham Adult Learning Service

Tutor: Ray Downing.

For more information, call Rebecca on 020 8519 6678/ 07851 178007 or email rebecca@theatre-venture.org

This programme is delivered by Theatre Venture, and run in partnership with Newham Adult Learning Services.



ALL LIBRARY LISTINGS

See Library Contacts (next page) for venue details.

UNDER FIVES GROUPS

All open to under fives with their parents/carers.

Storytelling

Beckton Globe

Friday 10-11am

Custom House

Tuesday 10.15-11.15am

East Ham Wednesday

2-3pm

The Gate Friday

11am-12noon

Green Street Thursday

10.30-11.30am

Manor Park Thursday

10.30-11.30am

North Woolwich

Thursday 2-3pm

Plaistow

Tuesday 11am-12noon

Stratford Tuesday

11am-12noon and Friday

11am-12noon

Crafts Club

Manor Park

Tuesday 10.30-11.30am

Toy Library

Beckton Globe Monday

10am-12noon and

Thursday 1-3pm

East Ham Tuesday

10am-12noon and Thursday

10am-12noon

Imaginative Play

East Ham Friday

10.30-11.30am

Learning & Craft

Beckton Globe Tuesdays

during school term

1.30-2.30pm

ADULT READING

Adult Reading Groups

The Gate Tuesday 6

September 6.30-7.30pm

Stratford Monday 12

September 6.30-7.30pm

OTHER GROUPS

Over 50s Club

Beckton Globe Thursday
10-12 noon

Click-On – computer sessions for over 50s, contact the library to book a place

East Ham Friday 10am-12noon and 2-4pm

ICT Surgeries

The Gate Thursday 10am-12noon

Knit & Natter – craft group for men and women of all ages and abilities

Beckton Globe Wednesday 10am-12noon

Custom House

Thursday 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Movie Night at Stratford

Library – free showing the film 'Beastly' (Cert.12a) based on Fairytale by Gabrielle-Suzanne Barbot de Villeneuve.

Stratford Thursday 15 September 6-8pm

YOUNG PEOPLE

Homework Club – All young people aged seven to 14 can get free study support at their local library on the days and times below. School term only.

Beckton Globe

Tuesday 4-6pm

Canning Town

Thursday 4-6pm

Custom House

Thursday 4-6pm
East Ham
 Monday 4-6pm
The Gate
 Tuesday 4-6pm
Green Street
 Tuesday 4-6pm
Manor Park
 Thursday 4-6pm
North Woolwich
 Monday 3.30-5.30pm
Plaistow Thursday 4-6pm
Stratford Monday 4-6pm
Games Clubs – Sony PS3 or Xbox 360 and Nintendo Wii games, board games and many more free activities for eight to 13-year-olds.
Custom House
 Tuesday 3.30 to 5.30pm
East Ham
 Tuesday 3.30-5.30pm
Manor Park Monday 3.30-5.30pm
Stratford Playerz – Free activities for young people aged 12 and over.
Stratford Thursday 8 September 4pm-6pm
Teenage Games Club – PS2 and Xbox games, music, board games and many more activities for ages 12-16.
Beckton Globe Wednesday 3-5pm
Teen Xtra Evenings – Free activities for ages 12-21.
The Gate Thursday 6-8pm

LIBRARY CONTACTS

Beckton Globe 1 Kingsford Way, E6 5JQ. 020 3373 0853
Custom House Prince Regent Lane, E16 3JJ. 020 3373 0855
East Ham High Street South, E6 6EL. 020 3373 0827
The Gate 4-20 Woodgrange

Road, Forest Gate, E7 0QH. 020 3373 0856
Green Street 337-341 Green Street, E13 9AR. 020 3373 0857
Manor Park Romford Road, E12 5JY. 020 3373 0858
North Woolwich 5 Pier Parade, E16 2LJ. 020 3373 0843
Plaistow North Street, E13 9HL. 020 3373 0859
Stratford 3 The Grove, E15 1EL. 020 3373 0826
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Community Outreach Services For more information call 020 3373 0813

SPORTS PROGRAMME

Basketball

Newham NSP (free)
 - Basketball coaching, 8-19
 Mon, 7.30-9pm
Little Ilford Youth Centre, E12
 - Basketball Competition, 8-19
 Tues, 6-7.30pm
Lister School (Sports Hall), E13
 - 3 vs 3 league, 8-19
Thurs, 5-7pm
Forest Gate Youth Centre, E7

Youngbloods Basketball

- Under-12s, mixed
Saturdays, East Ham Leisure Centre
 1-3pm
 - Under-13/14s, boys
Mondays, 6-8pm, St Angela's School
 Tuesdays, 5.30-7.30pm
Newham Leisure Centre
 - Under-14s, girls
Mondays, 4.30-6pm, St Angela's School
Tuesdays, 5.30-7.30pm,

Newham Leisure Centre
 - Under-15/16, boys
Tuesdays, 6-8pm, East Ham Leisure Centre
Fridays, 6-8pm, St Angela's School
 - Under-17/18 boys
Tuesdays, 8-9.45pm, East Ham Leisure Centre
Thursdays, 7-9pm, St Bonaventure's School
Fridays, 6-8pm, St Angela's School
 Each session costs £1. Contact Caroline on 07958 307 657 for more details.

Football

Newham NSP (free)

Five-a-side
 - U14 & U18
Mon, 6.30-8.30pm
Newham Leisure Centre, E13
 - 11-18
Wed, 5-8pm
Priory Park MUGA, E6
 - 8-19
Wed, 5-6.30pm
Keir Hardie Park, E16
 - Five-a-side, 8-19
Fri, 6-7.30pm
Scud Park, Tant Avenue, Canning Town, E16.
 - Mayor's Football League, U14, U18,
Thurs, 4-6pm
Memorial Park
 - Coaching and competition, 8-19,
Sun, 1-2pm
Winsor Park, E6
 - Monthly tournament
U12, U14, U18, 10am-1pm
First Sat of the month
Plashet Park, E6

WHU Kickz (free)

Mon
 - U14, 4-5.30pm
 - 15+, 5.30-70pm
West Ham Community Astro Turf (Beckton)
 - 11-18, 5-8pm

Forest Gate Youth Centre, E7

Tues

- U14, 4-5.30pm
 - 15+, 5.30-7pm
West Ham Community Astro



Turf (Beckton)
 - 11-18, 6-9pm
Priory Park MUGA, E6

Wed

- 11-18, 5-8pm
Priory Park MUGA, E6

Thurs

- 11-18, 4-7pm
Priory Park MUGA, E6

Fri

- U14, 4-5.30pm
 - Girls 11+, 5.30-7pm
West Ham Community Astro Turf (Beckton)
 - 11-18, 5-8pm
Forest Gate Youth Centre, E7

Air Football 16+

Tues

1-3pm, Stratford Park, E15

Fri

3-5pm, Beckton Powerleague
 For more info visit www.airfootball.co.uk

Ascension Football Academy

For info call Beryl Callison 020 7511 1232.

School years R-3:

9.30-10.30am

School years 4-7:

10.45-11.45am

School years 8-11:

12noon-1.30pm

All sessions £2.50

King George V Park, E16

Basketball

Newham All Star Sports Academy (NASSA)

Junior programme

Gifted & Talented

8-11yrs boys/girls
 Cumberland school,





Cricket

Oban close, E13
 Fridays, 4.15pm-5.30pm
 U13/14, Thursdays 4.30-6.30pm and Saturdays 10am-12.30pm
 U15, Thursdays 5.30pm-7.30pm, Newham Leisure Centre, 281 Prince Regent Lane, E13
 U16/18, Monday 5.30-7.30pm
 Rokeby School, Canning Town E16 4DD

Senior Men/Women Programme
 Division 2 Women and Division 3/4 Men
 Monday 7.30-9.30pm
 Rokeby School, Barking Rd, E16
 For details contact coach Chris on 07703 503 995 or Coach Aurimas on 07712 176 301

Handball (free)
 - Newham Flames, Tues U15, 3.30-5pm
 U18, 5.30-6.30pm
 Newham Leisure Centre, E13 (Multi-Sports Hub)
 Call Ari Bekker on 020 8430 2484

Multi sports (free)
 Newham NSP
 - Handball, football, competition 5-7pm, 8-19
 Wed, Stratford Park, E12

- Coaching and competition 4-5.30pm, 8-19
 Fri, St John's Community Centre, Albert Rd, E16

Athletics at Newham Leisure Centre

- Get Set Go Group, 11-16 Mon, 4-5.30pm, £1
 - Met Track 10-17 Fri, 4.30-6pm
 - Newham and Essex Beagles Athletics Club, 10+ Mon and Wed, 6.30-9pm; Sun, 10am-1pm
 Email jacqueline.ramsden1@btinternet.com

Cricket

- Tapeball cricket league (free) 11-15, 16+, 6-9pm
 Kingsford Astro Turf
 - Newham Cricket Club Monday 5-7pm
 8-16, £2 per session
 Flanders field, Napier Road, E6
 Visit www.newham.gov.uk for information.

Boxing

East Ham Boleyn ABC 10- years +; boys only
 - Mon, Tues, Wed, 5-6pm
 East Ham WMC, 2 Boleyn Road, E6
 Call Daniel Penny on 07958 124 144
 - West Ham Boys ABC 9-years +; boys and girls Mon, Wed, Fri, 5-6pm
 The Black Lion, 59-61 High Street, E13
 Call Lianne Jameson on 020 8472 3614
 - Peacock ABC 8-years + Mon, Wed, 6-8pm
 boys and girls
 Caxton Street North, E16
 Call Martin Bowers on 020 7511 3799

- Newham Boys ABC 6-years +; boys only Mon, Wed, Fri, 6-7.45pm
 Old Bath House
 141 Church Street, E15
 Call Ravinder Atwal/Joe Chapman 020 8519 5983

- Fight For Peace 11 years +; boys and girls (Phone for session details)
 Woodman Street, North Woolwich, E16
 Call Marigold Ride on 020 7474 0054

Contact clubs before visiting

Free non-contact boxing

Non-contact boxing is the perfect way to increase your fitness, lose weight, build strength and learn to defend yourself.

Osmani Boxing Club is open to males aged eight to 25 Fridays, 4-6pm
 Froud Centre, 1 Toronto Avenue, E12
 For more information call 020 7247 8080 or email healthyfutures@osmanitrust.org

Newham Swords

Learn to fence with Olympic champions; from ages four to adult. The Hub in the grounds of Newham Leisure Centre, Prince Regent Lane, E13. Tuesday 6.30-9pm
 Thursday 6.30-9pm
 Friday 7.30-10pm
 Call Linda on 07956 618 898 or visit www.newhamswords.co.uk

Dare 2 Dance

Free street dance classes for girls aged 14-24 including break dance, krump, waacking and popping.
 Newham Leisure Centre (New Indoor Multi Sports Centre), 281 Prince Regent Lane, E13 Friday 3.30-5.30pm (3.30 - 4.30pm Open Technique

Class, 4.30 - 5.30pm
 Choreography Class)

For more information contact Nicole on 07970 783 526 or email nicole.napier@newham.gov.uk

Newham Striders

Free, sociable walking group that go striding in the local area seven days a week. Visit www.newham.gov.uk, email paula.peaty@newham.gov.uk or call 020 8430 2000 for more information.

Universal Warriors

Kickboxing Club

East London Muay Thai Academy, Arch 2, Cranberry Lane, E16

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6.30-8pm, £7/£5 concessions
 Saturdays 11.30am-12.30pm, female only boxfit class, introductory price £3.50
 For more information call Don on 07784 712 813 or email teamrichards@hotmail.co.uk

Newham Shoujin Karate Sessions for beginners:

Wednesday 4.30pm-5.30pm (4-15)
 Thursday 6-8pm Fighting Fit (karate combat techniques and fitness) (16+)
 Friday 6-7pm (4-15) & 7-8pm (16+)
 Sunday 10-11am (4-16+)
 Sessions are held at Newham Leisure Centre, Prince Regent Lane and the adjacent Multi-Sports Indoor Centre. For more information call 07508 070 638.

WCKD Karate & Self



Newham Striders

Defence Institute

Teaching Freestyle Karate and self defence

All levels including beginners
Children (5-9 yrs) £3.50 Weds 5-6pm & Sat 11am-12noon
Juniors (10-15 yrs) £5 Weds 6-7pm & Sat 12noon-1pm
Adult classes also available.
Maryland Studios, 84-86 Leytonstone Road, Maryland, Stratford, E15 1TQ
Call 07535 928297 or email wuchikwondo@gmail.com for more information.

Ramgarhia

Badminton Club

Adults (Advanced)

Tuesdays, 7-9.30pm
Little Ilford School
Church Road, Manor Park
Juniors
Fridays, 6-7.30pm
Adults (Beginners/ Intermediate)
Fridays 7.30-9.30pm
Langdon School, Sussex Road, East Ham
For more information and prices contact Kivilir Bahra on 07803 834 037 or email ramgarhia.bc@gmail.com

Adult Badminton (16+)

Sunday, 11am-1pm

Froud Centre, Toronto Avenue, Manor Park, E12
All standards welcome.
Call Hilda on 020 8553 3223 or e-mail hildasilcock@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

OPA Netball Club

Tuesdays

Under 16s: 6-7pm and over 16s 8-9pm
Matches in Essex Met League/ Three Swords League on
Saturdays
Lister Community School, St Mary's Road, Plaistow
All levels welcome, for more information and prices call Lesley Jones on 07717 281 529 or email opa_netball_club@hotmail.com

Run in England - all £2

For more details email oimafidon@runinengland.co.uk or call 0797 926 1647

Monday, 4-5.30pm, Newham Leisure Centre E13, meet on the track

Tuesday, 6-7pm, Newham Leisure Centre E13, meet on the track

Wednesdays:

12noon-1pm, Newham Dockside, Dockside Road E16, meet at reception
5.30-6.30pm, Newham Leisure Centre E13, meet on the track

Saturdays, all 10-11.30am:
Central Park E6, meet at the café, Wanstead Flats, meet at Harrow Road Changing Pavilion West Ham Park E15, meet at southgate entrance off Portway

Sunday, 10am-12 noon, Newham Leisure Centre E13, meet on the track

East End Road Runners - for all abilities

Tuesdays, 7pm, meet on the track at Newham Leisure Centre, Prince Regent Lane, E13. Annual membership £10. Members: £3 per session/ non members £4.

Women United FC (16+)

Mondays (Term time only)

6.00-7.15 Kingsford School, Kingsford Way. Call Shona Pollock on 07968 665849

Woodside

Badminton Club

Fridays 8-9.30pm

Carpenters Docklands Centre 98 Gibbins Road, E15. Intermediate and club standard players welcome.
Call Steve 020 8514 1586. £5 waged/£3 unwaged

Newham Cyclists

Newham rides starting at 10.30am from outside Stratford Station and return at 3pm. No need to book. Just turn up on the day. Next ride is on Saturday

10 September.

To find out more, call 07947 236965

Cycling - sessions and guidance

Wednesdays: 11am, 12.15pm and 1.30pm

Free, all equipment provided
F13 Waterfront Studios, 1 Dock Road, E16
Call 020 7055 0808 or visit www.careinmind.org.uk

SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

Multi-Sports

Free Flying Wheels club for young wheelchair users aged six to 22. With an emphasis on wheelchair rugby and training from professional players.

Wednesday and Friday evenings, 6-8pm

Rokeby School, Barking Road E16 4DD

Call Eda on 020 8472 0058 for more information.

Mon, Eastlea multi-sports club for SEN & disabled young people, Eastlea Community School, E16, 4-5.30pm
Fri, 4-8pm, Newham Leisure Centre, E13, free

Multi-Activities

People with Disabilities Club, Tues, Newham Leisure Centre, E13, 10.30am-12.30pm

Family swims for disabled children and adults

Newham Otters Swimming Club, Sat, Newham Leisure Centre E13, 4.45-5.45pm

For more information call 020 8552 3195

£5 Family Swim, Sun, Balaam Leisure Centre, E13, 12.30-2pm
For details call Zeenat on 07528 562 902

Get fit for free

Free use of the gym for one year for people with learning disabilities at Newham Leisure

Centre on Tuesdays from 1.30-3.30pm. To book an induction you must contact Zahra Mirza on 020 7511 4477

Goalball

First Thursday of the month at Newham Club, Brampton Manor School from 5-7pm

B1 Football Club

Third Sunday of every month at East Ham Leisure Centre from 10am-12noon

For all of the following sessions contact Zahra at GLL on 020 7511 4477.

Free Trampolining sessions

Fri, 4-8pm; Sat 12.30-2.30pm, Newham Leisure Centre, E13

Free exercise to music

Sat, 12.30-2.30pm, Newham Leisure Centre, E13

Mixed swimming session for adults and children

Wed, 10am-12noon, East Ham Leisure Centre, £1.15

Families dealing with Autism Swim

Wed, 4-5pm, Balaam Leisure Centre, free.

OTHER

Yoga

Hatha Yoga Classes for beginners, every Thursday from 6:30-7:30pm, £7 per session. Learn breathing techniques, movement and posture. Held at Stratford Workshops, Room 122, Burford Rd, E15. Contact 07881 840 618 or visit www.g-yoga.com for more details.

ARTS LISTINGS

Stratford Picturehouse

Subtitled Cinema for d/Deaf and HOH audiences every Tuesday

Every Tuesday evening we screen a current film with subtitles especially for d/Deaf and hard of hearing audiences.

Tuesday 6 September – FINAL

DESTINATION 5

Tuesday 13 September –

JANE EYRE

Adult £8, Concessions £7

PROJECT NIM (12A)

**Tuesday 6 September,
8.30pm**

An incredible documentary about lovable chimpanzee Nim Chimpski, who was part of a controversial scientific research project to see what would happen if you raised a chimp as a human being. The result? Lots of laughs, buckets full of tears and one confused little monkey. Adult £8, Concessions £7

Culture Shock screening: HOBO WITH A SHOTGUN

**Tuesday 13 September,
8.30pm**

Rutger Hauer is a hobo from the wrong side of the tracks in a town where crime rules and the city's crime boss reigns. Disgusted by the city around him, he goes about bringing justice in the best way he knows how - with a 20-gauge shotgun. Street justice will indeed prevail. Adult £8, Concessions £7

NT Live: One Man, Two Guvnors. Thursday 15 September, 7pm

Live from the National Theatre, Richard Bean's English version of Goldoni's classic features comedy, sex, food and money. Adults £15, concessions £13

To book please call: 0871 902 5739 or Visit www.picturehouses.co.uk/stratford

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings take place at Newham Town Hall, Barking Road, E6, unless specified

Monday 5 September

Licensing (2003 Act) Sub Committee, 10am Council Chamber

Tuesday 6 September

Newham Partnership Employment and Enterprise Partnership, 3pm, Committee Room 2, Newham Partnership Children and Young people Trust 4pm Room EG.05/06, Ground Floor, Newham Dockside Health and Social Care

Scrutiny Commission, 7pm, Committee Room 1 Regeneration and Employment Scrutiny Commission, 7pm, Committee Room 2

Wednesday 7 September

Public Transport Liaison Group, 6pm, Council Chamber Investments and Accounts Committee, 6.30pm, Committee Room 2

Thursday 8 September

Mayoral Proceedings, 10am, Council Chamber

Monday 12 September

Licensing (2003 Act) Sub Committee, 7pm, Council Chamber

Tuesday 13 September

Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission, 7pm, Committee Room 1

Thursday 15 September

Newham Partnership - Better Health and Well Being Partnership, 3pm, Lister Room Governors Forum, 7pm, Council Chamber

FESTIVAL FUN IN ABBEY GARDENS

Why not take some time out on Saturday 17 September between 1 and 4pm to enjoy a fun-filled free event at the Abbey Gardens Harvest Festival. You will be able to expand your creative and sporting skills by participating in the many activities the day has to offer. The itinerary is packed with live music, green-fingered gardening tips from expert Hamish Liddle, cake decorating and even vegetable sculpture competitions. Handmade cards and garden produce will be available at the Honesty Stall for donations. When you need a rest sit back, relax and enjoy a slice of homemade cake and a cuppa. The day is one you will not want to miss so arrive early to make sure you make the most of it.

Abbey Gardens is in Bakers Row, E15. For more information and details of competitions visit www.abbeygardens.org



USEFUL NUMBERS

020 8430 2000

Hundreds of services, just one number – for all council enquiries

For questions about councillor surgeries or to find out which ward you live in, call 020 8430 2000 or visit www.newham.gov.uk/yourcouncillor

Write to the Mayor at Newham Town Hall, Barking Road, London, E6 2RP or email mayor@newham.gov.uk

For information about Community Forums freephone 0800 519 4015 or email community.forums@newham.gov.uk

For information about the 2012 Games and how it will affect Newham, visit www.newham.gov.uk/2012Games

To report anti-social behaviour – anything that causes your local area to look unsightly or makes other residents' lives unpleasant – call Newham's 24-hour hotline on 0800 731 3300

To speak to the Newham Mag team, call 020 8430 2000 or email newham.mag@newham.gov.uk

MEET THE MAYOR

Meet Sir Robin

Monday 12 September, 9.30-10.30am. The Place, 2 Silvertown Way, E16. Arrive promptly at the start of the surgery

Speak to Sir Robin

Wednesday 14 September, 9.30-10.30am. Call 020 3373 8444 between 9.30am and 10.30am and speak directly to the Mayor



Newham London

Starting school in Newham

Reception class places for September 2012

If your child will have their 5th birthday between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 you need to apply for a reception class place now.

The deadline for a reception class place for September 2012 is **15 January 2012**.

If you miss this date you will have less chance of getting the school that you prefer.

From **12 September 2011** you can pick up a copy of the autumn 2011 edition of the Starting School guide from any London Borough of Newham operated nursery, infant or primary school. The guide includes a copy of the application form.

To make sure you apply on time, **apply online**.
www.eadmissions.org.uk





Let's get the party started!

Do you want to organise your own community event or be part of one of our events? Help us show the world that Newham will be the place to party in 2012. Whatever your ideas, we want to know!

Come along to our special event and find out how we can help you make it happen.

Saturday 8 October – Old Town Hall Stratford, 29 The Broadway Stratford, E15. Session one: **10.30am-12.30pm**. Session two: **2-4pm**.

To reserve your place at the event email **2012party@newham.gov.uk** call Natalie Osei-Owusu on **020 3373 3793**, or visit www.newham.gov.uk/letsgethethepartystarted